

MAY LAST TILL CHRISTMAS.

A PROPOSITION TO CONTINUE THE MA-SONIC FAIR AN EXTRA WEEK.

After bustling through ever passing in and out of the fair, one minute and a half, the next the restaurant making \$150 a day—Punch and Judy shows and musical entertainments—at the polls.

Y the time one has viewed the gay and brilliant scenes at the Masonic Fair, one may well exclaim, "O Charity! O Charity! how many festivities are enjoyed in thy name!" But as the good times bring forth money—and plenty of it, too, by the way—which is to be used in a laudable cause that otherwise might go begging, they have even more than their usual excuse for being. Seeing the eager, bustling, throng of people constantly passing in and out, a stranger might suppose that last night was the first of the fair and never for a moment imagine that just such crowds had attended the merry, money-making entertainment every night for the past two weeks and would, in all probability, for two weeks to come.

But so it is, and although the closing time was set one time fixed for Dec. 17, it was ignored in the building last night that gifts continued to be made in such numbers and purchasers were so plentiful that the managers had decided that the fair should not become a thing of the past until the night before Christmas. This seems a little hard on the "dear girls" who since the opening have caused many hearts to flutter and, ergo, so many pockets to be lightened of their contents, but as one of them (the girls, of course) said last night, "It is only six days longer than we thought, you know, and I am not so sure."

And then, in a nervous, half-forgetful, delightful manner, she took hold of the young man's coat with her little hands, looked at him with her big eyes, and in an appealing voice said, "Oh, won't you take a chance?" It sounded so much like "Don't you love me?" that the young man was at first involuntarily inclined to press matters, but he didn't. He just put his hand into his pocket, drew out \$1, and, almost before he realized it, had become the possessor of one chance in the draw for a stove.

But the fair vendors of chances don't waste time in talking to him who talks and does not buy and he who receives a smile must pay for it. The principal booths are still on the first or main floor and the many counters which are constantly being received cause the large rooms to take on an ever changing appearance. Articles are received one minute and sold the next, and what is more, strange things can be bought at very reasonable prices.

In one of the chapter rooms Punch and Judy, under the direction of Prof. Campbell, offer "three o'clock tea" in a most inviting manner. The refreshments are served nightly. The refreshments are served nightly. The refreshments are served nightly.

"The Persecuted Dutchman," "The Persecuted Cabbler," and "Who Stole the Goose?"

On the fifth floor the association still does a thriving restaurant business, the receipts from which have at no time since the commencement of the fair fallen below \$150 per day. Here, too, the prices are low and one can get a sirloin steak for half a dollar or a plate of ice cream for 15 cents. The restaurant is most admirably managed by Mrs. H. H. Squire, who is well assisted by a corps of able assistants consisting of Mrs. S. L. Torburne, Mrs. M. Van Blarcom, Mrs. Day and Miss Tillie Monroe. To reach the restaurant one has only to take the elevator for which, it is announced, "there is positively no charge."

Opposite to and on the same floor as the restaurant is the concert-room, in which last night a classical concert was given in the presence of a goodly audience. The concert consisted in the rendering of well-known music on the piano by Herman O. C. Kortright, on the violin by John J. Johnson, and singing by George Wernon, the tenor. Saturday night will be the red letter for the concert-room, for by the courtesy of Mr. Henry E. Abbey the members of the New York Society of Music will give a concert. The management expect that the following artists will take part in the entertainment: Mr. Theo. Bjorksten, tenor; Sig. De Anna, baritone; Sig. Carbone, buffo; Miss DeAnna, baritone; Miss Saccani, contralto; Miss Esther Jacobs, contralto; Miss Nettie Carpenter, violin virtuoso; Sig. Ferrari, pianist, and Mr. A. Nendendorff, conductor.

At the polls the interest is as great as ever, and the pluralities are ever varying. Last evening the leaders in the different contests were as follows: For the most popular clergyman, the Rev. Dr. B. B. Macdonald was a few votes ahead of his nearest competitor, C. C. Shyne, who was away in the contest. For R. McMillen, according to the votes, is the most popular member of the lodge and is likely to get the jewel. H. S. Hermann is the popular Master. Rebecca at the Well and Miss F. Larson are close competitors for the diamond earrings. Mrs. E. B.

Harper, at the polls, is the most popular Master. Macdonald's wife, and Joseph Britton seems likely to take the sword of popularity from the other members of New York and Brooklyn. E. E. Van Nann will probably be elected Junior Warden, and Tam Womd will maintain its lead in popularity over all other papers.

WHERE THEY BEAT THEIR GRANDMAM.

Scrap-Box Pictures Made in Incredible Quantities for Children Newdays.

RANDMOTHERS of to-day are sometimes seen in conjunction with a "scrap-box." This is, presumably, a receptacle for "scraps." But it is not of so much interest in its use as it is in the antique and simple art which has sought to add ornament to the unpretentious exterior of a plain square box.

Small woodens representing anything the fancy can conceive have been cut out of magazines and "picture papers" by the grandmothers and conscientiously stuck upon this pine-wood box. Then she varnished it and was happy. Her art sense was soothed.

Children of this favored hour can "see their grandmams and go them one better" on the scrap-boxes. The manufacturers of Christmas cards and "picture papers" by the hundred, all ready for children to paste into books or on boxes. These pictures are cut out, the paper is stamped so as to give the object a certain roundness, and they are bright colors, still further heightened by varnish.

They come in sheets of half a dozen or more, and all the child has to do is to cut them apart and paste them into the book or the box. Two hundred of them, each one different from all the others, can be bought for 50 cents.

The animal kingdom, the realm of flowers, sun and landscape, with pictures humorous or sentimental, have helped out the inventor. In one house which prints this sort of thing more than seven hundred workmen are employed. They are trained to the work from childhood.

A Nassau street dealer who handles them has sent these tiny "scrap pictures" to the four corners of the globe. He has sent them to Australia, small droll-faced Chinese babies, dusky South American children, little Russian connoisseurs amuse themselves with these scraps.

One year the dealer received nearly forty thousand letters. Of course, he advertised a good deal and carries a large stock, but the number of those small pictures bought is increasing.

This is an art kindergarten for children. They learn to select the ones they like best and their imagination is stimulated, besides being kept busy and finding amusement in a clean play.

It is a great scheme, a good deal of money is made by it and a good many children are made happy.

NEWS ABOUT WORKINGMEN.

Waiters generally complain of dull times and a lack of employment.

Planmakers and furniture and woodworkers are busy and few of them are out of work.

Reports from the International Unions indicate that 5,000 cigarmakers are out of work.

It is estimated that 4,000 of the Subway laborers are out of work and are waiting for work.

Union leaders are moving to stop the blacklisting of members by the Park and Ballroom Proprietors' Association.

Bricklayers and plasterers are very busy. Carpenters and joiners are complaining of a lack of work, but look for better times after the holidays.

Of the 20,000 men engaged in the harbor as freight and salaried men, 15,000 are unemployed, and are said to be unable to find employment.

Nearly sixty thousand men are engaged in the building trades in this city and not more than 10,000 are employed. The rest are waiting for work. The season has been thus far very favorable for outdoor work.

Work is plentiful in the clothing trade, and it is estimated that 15,000 men and women are kept busy making all kinds of wearing apparel. Much of the labor is done in tenement house work-rooms.

The pamphlet issued by the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America discussing the relations of salaried men to the tenement house work-rooms is being widely distributed.

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SPORTS OF TRACK AND RING.

GREAT THINGS EXPECTED OF THE AMATEUR ATHLETES ENTERTAINMENT.

Trying to Get Up an Amateur Lacrosse League. Plans to Jersey City—Entertainment Among Seventh Regiment Athletes For Gilbert—An Old-Time Sparrow at the Hoffman House—Twelfth Regiment Games.

JUST as was predicted in this column that triple athletic and musical entertainment which the Manhattan Athletic, the Essex County Toboggan and the Staten Island Athletic Clubs have combined to give at Orange, N. J., on Dec. 15; at Staten Island, and on the 17th, and at the Metropolitan Opera-House in this city on the 20th inst., will be a tremendous success. Almost every seat is sold already and yesterday the Triton Boat Club, of Newark, purchased a bunch of 100 seats in the first balcony of the Metropolitan Opera-House. All three houses are so well sold that what may be eager inquirers in all that worries the committees now.

John Flannery, Brooklyn's most enthusiastic lacrosse player, is trying to get up an amateur lacrosse league similar to the organizations ruling wheeling, athletics, rowing, etc. He has written to nearly every club in the country and received favorable replies.

The New York Polo Club will play the Jersey City club at the Pavonia Rink this evening. The New York team will play the Brooklyn at the Palace Rink in Brooklyn on Saturday evening.

The result of the Olympic Athletic Club's annual competitions, which occur every other Sunday from the 1st of May to Dec. 1, is just announced. Mr. E. H. Herlihy secured nineteen points in the twenty-two events on the list and is the all-around champion of the big O's. W. F. Thompson is second, with fourteen points. T. J. Johnson is third, with thirteen, and T. N. Macnamara fourth, with the same number. J. H. Herlihy got one more first place than Macnamara. W. A. Halpin is fifth with eleven points.

Quite a little excitement has been kicked up over the Seventh's games last Saturday evening. Every company in the regiment but the 10th and 11th, and the 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 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